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**RE: Docket No. FAA-2009-0229; Airspace Docket No. 09-ASO-13
Proposed Revocation of VOR Federal Airway V-329; Alabama-Florida**

The Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA) is a not-for-profit individual membership organization of more than 416,000 pilots. AOPA's mission is to effectively serve the interests of its members as aircraft owners and pilots to establish, maintain, and articulate positions of leadership in promoting the economy, safety, utility, and popularity of flight in general aviation aircraft. Representing two thirds of all pilots in the United States, AOPA is the largest civil aviation organization in the world.

On Monday, April 6, 2009, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) issued a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) titled "Proposed Revocation of VOR Federal Airway V-329; Alabama-Florida." The proposed rule would revoke very high frequency omnidirectional range (VOR) Federal airway V-329, which extends between Montgomery, AL and the Crestview, FL area.

AOPA has reviewed the FAA's proposed revocation as assessment that V-115 can serve as an alternative route until the FAA is able to continue expansion of the RNAV airways and navigation capabilities.

FAA Should Consider Establishing T-Route

AOPA recommends that the FAA consider establishing a T-route along the same route as V-329. AOPA began advocating for the establishment of charted RNAV airways in 2000 as part of the broad effort to move forward with a benefits-driven transition to RNAV. Strategic use of RNAV airways nationwide will reduce the cost of flying and provide aircraft owners more benefits from their instrument flight rules (IFR)-certified GPS receivers.

AOPA appreciates the FAA's commitment to implementation of RNAV T-Routes and fully supports the work already in process to expand upon this initiative in other airspace areas.

Sincerely,



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